A Good Day Gone Bad

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One day at school, Harold gets bullied twice by an older boy named Dylan.

Dylan meets Harold at the locker room.

DYLAN: Hey what up?

HAROLD: What do you want?

DYLAN: Where are you ladies coming from?

HAROLD: Who you talking to?

DYLAN: No sweat. It's been a while since i gave you a bottle of Pepsi.

Harold gets pushed and poked by Dylan and his gang of older boys.

HAROLD: Please stop doing that!

DYLAN: Stop doing what, fatty?

HAROLD: I said stop doing that! OK?

The bullying continues in the cafeteria three hours later.

HAROLD: Hey James.

JAMES: What is it?

HAROLD: Someone kept on picking on me earlier in the locker room this morning.

JAMES: Who picked on you?

HAROLD: Dylan.

JAMES: Look. I thought you and i were friends. We love you. But you just feel so upset.

HAROLD: Yeah.

Then Dylan walks by and asks Harold for some seconds but then...

DYLAN: Hey man. You want some seconds?

HAROLD: No please.

DYLAN: I'm asking you something.

HAROLD: Please leave me alone.

DYLAN: Well what do you think you're going to do about it? Fight me?

HAROLD: No, i rather run away from you!

DYLAN: Run away from me?

JAMES: Don't talk to him, Dylan. He told you to leave him alone.

DYLAN: And what do you think you're trying to do?

JAMES: Just having some peace and quiet. Now get away from him! Somebody get the principal and expel him!

Miss Karen walks to the cafeteria to take Dylan to the Principal's office.

MS. KAREN: What is going on here?

JAMES: Dylan is being rude and not being very polite to my friend Harold. He's constantly picking on him.

MS. KAREN: OK Dylan. You are done. Now walk to the principal's office at once.

DYLAN: What did i do? I'm sorry ma'am. I didn't do nothing! Harold started it.

JAMES: You OK, Harold?

HAROLD: Yeah i'm fine.

JAMES: Thanks for your help Harold.

HAROLD: You're welcome, James.

JAMES: So if someone bullies you twice at school or if you see your friends getting bullied at school, what should you try to do?

HAROLD: I wish i would walk away and ignore them.

JAMES: That's good. But i'm sorry you're having a very bad day but...

HAROLD: I know. I know. I wish i had a better day tomorrow, but without all the bullying and stuff.

JAMES: Yeah i know. Well see you later.

HAROLD: Thanks. Bye James.

The story fades to black as it concludes to the text saying "Bullying is very wrong and it's never fun to bully one another. If you bully someone, you are also a bully. If someone bullies you, the best thing is to walk away and ignore them."

The setting for this story is White Creek Middle School, Stanton, North Dakota.

We wanted to give thanks to Arthur Bullock for writing this great story.

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